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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting, 1400-1430 hours,
30 October 1979 (U)

1. (U) Attendees: Dr. LaBerge, Chairman (Principal Deputy USD(RE)), Dr. Ruth Davis (DOE), LTG Tighe (DIRDIA), MG Thompson (ACSI DA), MG Brown (ACSI AF), and RADM Shapiro (DNI).

2. (S/NOFORN) Discussion:

- * a. At this point the DOD project has an R&D flavor, rather than intelligence. Need to validate phenomena existence.
- b. Need to keep Congress informed and interested in progress.
- c. Security is paramount and keeping track of Soviet work is large problem.
- d. Everyone recognizes possibility of Golden Fleece Award.
- e. Current R&D aspects are presently primitive and naive. No dishonest work has been seen.
- f. Dr. Perry wants little to do with the subject (based on 15 min conversation, Perry/Davis).
- * g. Best results to date are from Fort Meade, with military people carrying out a project in a military way.
- * h. It is hoped that the Science Evaluation Group report will pin down whether or not it is worth pursuing any further, but recognize that the SEG report is only one of a number of inputs.
- i. What is at issue for the time being is "not an intelligence policy activity," and making it such would be the worst possible thing to do.

3. (U) Recommendations:

- a. Steering Committee will hear from the SEG soonest, and should meet again when report is finished.
- b. Future program work will depend to a degree on what the SEG report says. Should not decide at this time what the focus and approach should be.

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